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LIEUT. COLONEL MARTIN A. COMPTON
APPOINTED TO SURGEON GENERAL BOARD

Lieut. Colonel Martin A. Compton, M. C., has been appointed as a member of a board of the Office of The Surgeon General, the purpose of which is to prepare, develop and implement the medical portion of the War Department's program for aid to civilian populations in liberated countries. This board was established in June, 1943.

Colonel Compton was born in Palmyra, Illinois, in 1913, attended Bradley Polytechnic Institute and Washington University School of Medicine (St. Louis) and received his medical degree from the Washington University School of Medicine (St. Louis). In 1938 he was appointed First Lieutenant in the Medical Corps and attained a Captaincy two years later. In 1942 he was promoted to the grade of Major and became Lieut. Colonel in the Fall of 1943.

Colonel Martin A. Compton has been associated with, and Chief of the Requirements Branch in the Office of The Surgeon General since 1941.

LIEUT. COLONEL ROBERT JAMES WILSON, M.C. DIES

The War Department has announced the death of Lieut. Colonel Robert James Wilson, M. C., staff officer of the United States Army Bruns General Hospital, Santa Fe, New Mexico, which occurred on July 11th. Grave-side services were held at Arlington Cemetery July 20th; he was accorded a military funeral.

Colonel Wilson was born in 1906 in Buffalo. After completing his work at the Kentucky Military Institute he obtained the Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Maryland in 1927. The University of Buffalo awarded him the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1931. He received his commission as First Lieutenant in the Medical Corps in June of that year, serving internship at the Walter Reed General Hospital; there he served as assistant chief ward officer in the surgical service. Upon completing this work, he was assigned to the Army and Navy General Hospital at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

He became associated with the Office of The Surgeon General Finance and Supply Division in 1941. Shortly thereafter he was appointed Chief of the Civilian Personnel Division - the position which he held until his assignment to the Bruns General Hospital in 1942.

ARMY INCREASES OFFICER CANDIDATE QUOTAS
FOR MEDICAL ADMINISTRATIVE CORPS.

An increase in quotas for admission to officer candidate courses leading to commissions in the Medical Administrative Corps of the Army, has been announced by the War Department.

Quotas which until recently have been extremely limited have been revised to permit acceptance of 2,000 men within the next eight weeks for 17-week courses. The primary reason for the increase is the need for more officers qualified for administrative duties in the Army Medical Department to free members of the Medical Corps for professional duties.

In recent months only the Medical Administration Corps Officer Candidate School at Camp Berkeley, Texas, has been accepting candidates. Under the new plan, the Officer Candidate School at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, was re-opened on June 24th.

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THE AUGUST ARMY MEDICAL BULLETIN

The following articles are appearing in the forthcoming August issue of the Army Medical Bulletin:

LABORATORY AIDS IN DIAGNOSIS OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN SPOTTED FEVER

Colonel Harry Plotz, M. C.
1st. Lieut. Kenneth Wertman, Sn. C.
Captain Reginald L. Reagan, Sn. C.

PLASTER OF PARIS CASTS AND SPLINTS

Captain J. Vernon Luck, M. C.

MEDICAL SERVICE IN THE NEW GEORGIA CAMPAIGN

NOMOGRAM FOR COMPUTING MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY RATES

ANESTHESIA IN THE COMBAT ZONE

Captain Gerald Shorts, M. C.

CUTANEOUS LEISHMANIASIS

Major David Ball, M. C.
Captain Raymond C. Ryan, M. C.

ORAL REHABILITATION

Captain R. C. Reichert, D. C.

HERNIATED NUCLEUS PULPOSUS

Major Robert C. L. Robertson, M. C.
Captain William G. Peacher, M. C.

SURGICAL PROBLEMS IN THE DUNA CAMPAIGN

Colonel Augustus Thorndike, M. C.

VACCINIA OCCURRING AT SHORT INTERVALS

Captain Carl A. Minning, M. C.

INSPECTION OF FISH OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Captain Ernest W. Bloomquist, V. C.

THE DIAGNOSIS OF DENGUE

Major George V. LeRoy, M. C.
Captain Howard A. Lindberg, M. C.

EXPERIMENTAL USE OF PENICILLIN IN TREATMENT
OF SULFONAMIDE-RESISTANT GONORRHEA

Captain Robert J. Murphy, M. C.

MODIFIED ORTHOPEDIC TABLE CONSTRUCTED IN THE FIELD

Captain Victor Mayer, M. C.

PSYCHOSES IN THE ARMY

Major Norman Q. Brill, M. C.
Captain Edmund F. Walker, M. C.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SPOTTED FEVER

Major Oscar A. Palatucci, M. C.
Major Bruno A. Marangoni, M. C.

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGISTS AID ARMY

Clinical Psychologists commissioned in the Adjutant General's Department are being made available for assignment to the Office of The Surgeon General for the neuropsychiatric sections of named and numbered general and station hospitals of 1,000 beds or more, the War Department announced on July 1, 1944. Requisitions for such officers will be forwarded to the Adjutant General through commanding generals of service commands concerned, or theater commanders when applicable.

Clinical psychologists will be assigned to duty in the neuropsychiatric sections of the hospital to serve under the direction and supervision of the chief of the neuropsychiatric section. Their duties will be to -

- a. Aid in the development and administration of the program of counseling designed to prepare convalescent patients for return to military service.
- b. Assist in the preparation of clinical records, particularly including those requiring the use and interpretation of special psychological tests as desired by the chief of the neuropsychiatric section.
- c. Assist in studies of special psychological problems related to the classification and retraining of neuropsychiatric casualties.
- d. Assist in the determination of the appropriate military occupational specialty of men who are designated as ready for assignment, and to advise regarding their assignment to a specific duty or special training.
- e. Perform such other professional and administrative duties in the hospital as will best assist the neuropsychiatrist in the accomplishment of the best management and disposition of patients.

POSTWAR TRAINING OF MEDICAL CORPS OFFICERS

The Office of The Surgeon General has announced the appointment of a committee to formulate plans for postwar training of Medical Corps Officers who will be separated from the military service at the end of the war. The committee consist of: Brig. General Raymond W. Bliss, Chief of Operations Service - Chairman; Brig. General James S. Simmons, Chief of Preventive Medicine Service; Colonel James R. Hudnall, Chief of Personnel Service; Brig. General Fred W. Rankin, Director of Surgery Division; Brig. General Hugh J. Morgan, Director of Medicine Division; Colonel Floyd L. Wergeland, Director of Training Division; Colonel William P. Holbrook, M. C. and Lieut. Colonel R. H. Meiling, M. C., representatives from the Army Air Forces; Colonel R. D. Skinner, M. C. representative from the Army Ground Forces; George B. Darling, M. D., representative from the National Research Council.

GEORGE M. POWELL PROMOTED

Colonel George M. Powell, M. C., director of the Special Planning Division, Operations Service in the Office of the Surgeon General, advanced from the grade of Lieut. Colonel on June 15th. He was born in Los Animas, Colorado in 1906 and graduated from the Colorado College in 1927. He obtained his medical degree from the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri. In 1939 he completed nine months of training in Internal Medicine at the Walter Reed General Hospital.

Colonel Powell served as Cardiologist and later became Chief of the Medical Service at Gorgas Hospital, Ancon, Canal Zone, where he was stationed from the Fall of 1939 to the Fall of 1942. Then he was assigned to the Medical Replacement Center of Camp Joseph T. Robinson in Arkansas, where he performed the duties of Assistant Regional Commander until he became full Regional Commander in 1943.

DECORATIONS FOR SCRUB TYPHUS CONTROL SERVICE

The Bronze Star Medal has been awarded to an officer of the Sanitary Corps and seven enlisted men of the Medical Department for their services in the prevention of scrub typhus on Goodenough Island in the South Pacific as announced on 16 May 1944 by the Sixth Army Headquarters.

Although these men were fully aware of the danger of contracting scrub typhus, they voluntarily applied themselves to the task of preparing camp sites in order to bring about the rapid and complete control of this disease on Goodenough Island. Their services were rendered during the periods 27 December 1943 to 7 February 1944 and 13-22 March 1944.

U. S. ARMY BLIND CENTERS

The Army Medical Department has designated two hospitals, namely, Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, Pa. and Dibble General Hospital, Menlo Park, California as blind centers where all blinded casualties are being sent to receive a preliminary course in social rehabilitation while undergoing any necessary medical or surgical treatment.

On July 21st the first group of blinded casualties was received at Old Farms Convalescent Hospital (Special), Avon, Conn., which has been designated as the blind center where the final phase of social rehabilitation is given. This group has undergone the preliminary training at Valley Forge General Hospital, and during their stay at Old Farms will receive more advanced training in social rehabilitation prior to discharge from the Army and transfer to the Veterans Administration.

